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## Students to celebrate Chinese holiday

Festival gives students a chance to share their culture

By Kennedy Nolen

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Each year on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar, people in China celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival. Since the U.S. uses the Gregorian calendar, this festival happens in September or October.

The Chinese Student and Scholar Association will share this piece of their culture with Eastern students at 6 p.m. Friday in the basement of Andrews Hall.

Zoey Zhang, the vice president of the CSSA and a graduate student studying clinical psychology, said the Mid-Autumn Festival is a time for family to come together for dinner, to eat moon cake and to enjoy the view of the full moon.

A moon cake is a dessert or savory cake with meat made especially for the Mid-

Autumn Festival.

People in the northern provinces of China usually eat sweet moon cake, Zhang said.

Raine Zhu, the secretary of the CSSA and a senior graphic design major, is from a southern province of China.

"I like the meat kind (of moon cakes)," Zhu said.

"In my hometown, people always like the sweet kind. I think it is too sweet."

**"Eastern is part of our family now. We live here, we've been here every day, so it is a different way to celebrate with family."**

Zoey Zhang, vice president of the CSSA

Zhang said the first thing she thinks of when she hears Mid-Autumn Festival is definitely moon cake.

Those at the festival on Friday can make their own moon cake.

They will also play a version of the game Telephone, where Chinese international students will alternate with non-Chinese students in a line, Zhang said.

Each person will whisper a word in the next person's ear, whether it be in Chinese or English.

"We will see what the last (person) says," Zhang said. "It will be funny."

Zhang said the CSSA has never had students not from the club at the Mid-Autumn Festival, but this year all are welcome to attend.

The Chinese students are at Eastern and will celebrate not only for themselves, but to share their cultures with students who are interested, she said.

"Eastern is part of our family now,"

Zhang said. "We live here, we've been here every day, so it is a different way to celebrate with family, I think."

Zhang said this holiday gives people a direct way to celebrate a Chinese holiday with Chinese people.

"Also, it is part of our tradition. It is not something you can find on Google."

She said the Mid-Autumn Festival is something Chinese people have celebrated for thousands of years.

"It's part of who we are," Zhang said.

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## Origin of Mid-Autumn

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Zoey Zhang has heard the story of the Mid-Autumn Festival's origin ever since she was young.

The story is about an archer named Hou Yi who had a wife named Chang'e.

Ten suns rose in the sky and caused disaster on earth, so Yi shot down nine of the 10 suns, Zhang said.

One was kept to bring light to the people.

A god-like figure sent a pill to Yi and said if Yi took the pill, he could also become a god and live forever. Zhang said Yi did not want to leave his wife, so he did not take the pill.

Yi's apprentice broke into his house while he was hunting on Aug. 15 on the lunar calendar. The apprentice told Chang'e to give the pill to Yi, but she refused and took it instead.

Chang'e swallowed the pill and claimed the moon as her new residence.

When Yi returned, he was saddened by what happened, so he displayed Chang'e's favorite fruit and cake in the yard. In the story, the Chinese people did the same, and it became a tradition.

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## A magical lunch



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Jill Schilling, a senior family and consumer sciences major, serves Harry Potter-themed food to mother and daughter pair Linda and Melanie Trent at the Klehm Cafe Thursday morning. "The food was so delicious," Melanie Trent said. Linda Trent said she wanted to come back for other events in the future.

## Police look into reports of shots fired

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Police investigated multiple reports of shots fired Thursday afternoon in the 800 block of Lincoln Avenue.

However, Charleston Police Chief Bryan Baker said when they were out searching the area, officers did not find any evidence of empty shell casings or bullet holes.

"Somebody reported what they thought was shots fired, so we were out searching the

area," he said.

There was also no damage found on or around the surrounding buildings when they looked, Baker said.

Traffic in the area was blocked while police conducted the search.

The University Police Department and the Coles County Sheriff's Office were part of the investigation.

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